

Unfortunately, too many of our nation's schools are no longer safe havens for our young people. From Arkansas to Pennsylvania to Rochester, New York we hear too many stories of guns in schools, drug use among young people, and increasing gang membership. Rep. Slaughter supports efforts to improve the safety of schools during the school day and also after the school day ends. She champions the federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program to enhance local efforts to prevent crime, as well as alcohol and drug abuse. This program helps communities put trained officers in and near schools; helps schools install metal detectors; and supports conflict resolution training as well as drug awareness and counseling.

In the 111th Congress, Rep. Slaughter has cosponsored [H.R. 2262, the Safe Schools Improvement Act](#), which would require states to use grants to collect and report information regarding bullying and harassment while providing sub-grants to local educational agencies and schools to respond to them.

She is also a cosponsor of [H.R. 4247, the Keeping All Students Safe Act](#), which would prevent and reduce inappropriate restraint and seclusion by establishing minimum safety standards in schools, similar to protections already in place in hospitals and non-medical community-based facilities. A recent investigation by the U.S. Government Accountability Office found hundreds of allegations that children have been abused, and some even died, as a result of misuses of restraint and seclusion in public and private schools, often at the hands of untrained staff. This legislation passed the House, with Congresswoman Slaughter's full support, on March 3, 2010.